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SUBJECT: HEYKAL

1. HEYKAL'S ARTICLE IS CALLED "AN ATTEMPT TO VISUALIZE THE SITUATION." HE BEGINS BY STATING THAT FIRST EGYPTIAN ACCOMPLISHMENT IS "THE DECISION"; NO PEACE/NO WAR SITUATION HAD LASTED TOO LONG. SADAT HAD CHOSEN THE DECISION WHICH WAS EXPRESSION OF NATIONAL WILL. THE HONOR, FUTURE AND LIFE OF ENTIRE NATION WAS AT STAKE.

2. ANOTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS THAT EGYPT "SCALED THE WALL OF FEAR" WHICH SURROUNDED HER, BY CROSSING THE CANAL AND BREAKING THROUGH THE BAR LEV LINE. BAR LEV LINE ITSELF, HEYKAL SUGGESTS, IS NOW SYMBOLIC OF EGYPTIAN VALOR AND SACRIFICE.

3. THIRD ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS THAT EGYPT CONFRONTED
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ISRAEL IN PLANNING AND ACTION. EGYPT FACES A MODERN

EDUCATED ENEMY OF QUALITATIVE SUPERIORITY. NEVERTHELESS, EGYPTIAN COMMAND SIEZED INITIATIVE FROM ISRAELI COMMAND, EGYPTIAN OFFICER FACED ISRAELI OFFICER, EGYPTIAN SOLDIER CONFRONTED ISRAELI SOLDIER, AND "THE EGYPTIAN HAS MET THE ENEMY FIRE" AND NOT TURNED BACK.

4. EGYPT AND SYRIA MUST NEVER AGAIN DISENGAGE FORCES FROM ISRAELIS. GAME OF CEASEFIRE CAN NO LONGER BE PLAYED. ARABS MUST NEVER PERMIT 1948, 1967 AND 1970 TO BE REPEATED "UNLESS WE ACHIEVE AN OBJECTIVE WHICH WE COULD REGARD AS THE SOLUTION WE ACCEPT FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF JUSTICE AND PEACE."

5. ISRAEL HAS ENTIRELY MOBILIZED BUT CANNOT ENDURE THIS CONDITION FOR MORE THAN 15 OR 20 DAYS; MOREOVER, SHE IS CONFRONTED BY THE NIGHTMARE OF A TWO-FRONT WAR. US WAS POSITIVE ISRAEL WOULD FINISH WAR IN THREE DAYS. SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD ZAYYAT ON FIRST DAY OF BATTLE THAT EGYPT'S FIGHTING WAS USELESS SINCE ISRAEL WOULD TAKE THE OFFENSIVE. KISSINGER SUGGESTED RETURN TO STATUS QUO ANTE. EGYPT HAD JUST SCALED HER WALL OF FEAR, YET KISSINGER PERMITTED HIMSELF TO MAKE SUCH SUGGESTION.

6. EGYPT'S OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO INFLICT GREATEST LOSSES ON ISRAELIS; WIDEN SCOPE OF CONFRONTATION BEYOND CONTROL OF BOTH ISRAEL AND US; AND INTELLIGENTLY USE ARAB OIL AS A WEAPON.

7. HEYKAL CALLS FOR MONEY, ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF IT, FROM OIL-RICH STATES. HE ASKED FOR MEETING OF ARAB OIL COUNTRIES IN RIAD TO DISCUSS SUPPORT TO EGYPT.

8. HEYKAL ADDS THAT SOVIET UNION HAS PROVED TO BE A FRIEND; SHE IS REBUILDING THE BRIDGES BETWEEN HERSELF AND ARABS ON FIRM FOUNDATIONS.

9. COMMENT: NOTEWORTHY POINTS: NO CONCRETE INDICATION OF WHERE EGYPT INTENDS TO GO ON THE GROUND. POLITICALLY, A DETERMINATION NOT TO RETURN TO STATUS QUO ANTE; AND STRONG EMPHASIS ON CROSSING OF CANAL AND BREAKING OF BAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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